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"Viewpoint" is a monthly commentary by Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and its allied corporations making up the statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

My April column, which suggested that the United States should look again at the advantages of nuclear power because of the nation's continued dependence on foreign oil, stirred responses from some of our readers.

In a letter that appears in "Mailbox," page 14, a reader takes issue with the column, which included commentary from

W. S. Patterson, manager of Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Wadesboro.

Both Mr. Patterson and I realize that nuclear power is not the only solution to America's reliance on oil fuels. We must consider all possible options.

In addition, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and the local EMCs throughout the state are deeply involved in promoting the effective use of electricity and shifting loads as a means of holding down peak demand for power. Since 1983, we have managed our loads through one of the nation's largest load control systems. It allows water heaters and air conditioners to be automatically turned off as a peak approaches. Efforts of this sort have allowed the cooperatives and other utilities to postpone building new generating plants—which has helped to keep electric rates in check.

Meanwhile, all elements of the rural electric program regularly promote energy-saving appliances and help to educate consumers about how to conserve energy.

Our concern for reducing energy use and helping protect our environment is evident by our support of the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation at Research Triangle Park. We provide financial and other support for AEC's work in developing and promoting energy-saving devices and alternative energy sources.

In addition, the NCEMC board of directors has adopted a policy of pursuing power supply options that have "a minimal impact on the environment."

That position, spelled out in a 1990 resolution, says "protection of the environment is

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of primary concern in providing electric power" and calls for the company to continue its support of programs "that will assure protection of the environment," including energy-efficient technol-

ogies and renewable energy resources.

NCEMC is also concerned about holding down power costs but has no profit motive in this regard. Since we are a power supply cooperative, any profits we realize are returned to the member EMCs in the form of reduced energy rates. Those cooperatives are our only shareholders.

Nuclear power isn't the only answer to this nation's energy needs. However, I believe that nuclear power should be considered as part of the solution. The first step in that consideration is public debate and the exchange of information and facts. We need more of that in planning for the future energy needs of North Carolina and the nation.

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Cover: Jerry Miller's Eno River Mill

Our cover this month features a detail from "Old Mill on the Eno," an original painting by Jerry Miller of Cary.

Miller, a Sanford native, is an architect who has been marketing his black-and-white drawings and watercolors since 1974. His work includes many North Carolina landmarks, historic sites, colleges and rural scenes.

A hand-painted version of his North Carolina State University Bell Tower print was presented to President Ronald Reagan during his visit to NCSU several years ago. And Miller personally presented an original painting of Duke Chapel to Vice President George Bush in 1986.

Miller, who attended Elon College, Mars Hill College and the NC School of Design, is a past president of the N.C. Association of Home Designers and the N.C. Institute of Residential Design.

His works are available through Jerry Miller Art Studio and Gallery at 7406-A Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27607. Phone: (919) 851-0311. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Eno Mill watercolor, which is reproduced here in full, is available in two prints. A signed-and-numbered limited edition print features an image size of 14 inches by 21 1/4 inches. To order, ask for C-165. Unframed copies are \$50. Copies in 21-inch-by-28-inch frames, with double matting, are \$144.95. A smaller, unsigned print has an image measuring 5 inches by 7 inches. Ask for C-164. Unframed copies are \$12.38. Copies in 10-inch-by-12-inch frames, with double matting, are \$33.95.

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Hertford Plans Indian Summer Festival

Two days of food, crafts and entertainment will be in store at the Indian Summer Festival in Perquimans County Sept. 13-14.

The festival will take place in downtown Hertford and will feature numerous displays.

For more information, contact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 27, Hertford, N.C. 27944. Phone: (919) 426-5657.

South Brunswick Tourney Slated

The winning catch will mean \$12,500 to a lucky angler at the 1991 South Brunswick Islands King Classic, Aug. 30 through Sept. 1.

The tournament will offer cash prizes to the top 30 finishers, with a bonus of \$50,000 being offered for a catch that is a certified state record.

For more information on the tourney, contact the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 1380, Shallotte, N.C. 28459. Phone: (919) 754-6644.



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Sportsman Show Slated Sept. 7-8 In New Bern

The 4th Annual North Carolina Wildlife and Sportsman's Show has been scheduled for Sept. 7-8 in downtown New Bern.

The show, which will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, will feature art, decoy, gun and knife, and dog-handling exhibitions, plus other displays on outdoor recreation.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

For more information, contact the New

Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Drawer C, New Bern, N.C. 28563. Phone: (919) 637-3111.

Ramseur Festival Registration To Close Aug. 30

Food and craft vendors interested in the Oct. 19 Fall Festival in Ramseur have until Aug. 30 to reserve booth space. The festival will take place on Main Street and will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact the Main Street Merchants Association, Fall Festival, P.O. Box 315, Ramseur, N.C. 27316. Phone: (919) 824-8646, 824-2226 or 824-2258.

Woodcarver O. Workshop Sep.

Woodcarver Tom Wolfe will be offering a workshop in Blount Rock in September.

Wolfe, a noted woodcarver from the Boone area, will teach students how to carve a Santa Claus for the upcoming holiday season.

The workshop Sept. 7-8 has space available for beginners and advanced carvers.

The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Blue Ridge Heart of Craft Center, 10 miles south of Boone.

For more information, contact the Blue Ridge Heart of Craft Center, Rt. 1, Box 737, Banner, N.C. 28604. Phone: (704) 963-5252.

Raulerson Works On Exhibit In Beaufort

Paintings by North Carolina artist Sandra Raulerson are on display at Beaufort's National Maritime Museum through Sept. 2.

Raulerson has drawn worldwide recognition for her paintings.

For more information on the exhibit, contact the museum at 315 Front St., Beaufort, N.C. 28516. Phone: (919) 728-7311.



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King Mackerel Tourney Offers \$100,000 Purse

A first prize of \$25,000 will go to the top angler at the 13th Annual U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament in Southport Oct. 3-5.

The tournament, with a total cash purse of \$100,000, has attracted as many as 500 boats in recent years. In 1990, a fisherman on a boat from North Myrtle Beach, S.C., reeled in a 45.5-pound mackerel to take the top prize.

Entry fee per boat is \$240. For more information, contact the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament, Rt. 5, Box 52, Southport, N.C. 28461. Phone: (919) 57-5787.



Weapons Show Oct. 14-15

Greensboro

Historical weapons dating back to the 1800s will be on display at the 8th Annual Carolina Antique Only & War-Between-States Show, Sept. 14-15, in Greensboro. The show, sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will be at the East Exhibition Hall of the Convention Center on Mill Square. Ticket prices are \$5 at the door. Numerous gun collectors and dealers will be around the

country will be displaying and selling their goods during the show. Only collectibles made before 1898 will be displayed.

For more information, call Michael Briggs at (919) 274-4758.

Antiques Show Slated In Liberty

A wide variety of antiques will be for sale at the Liberty Antiques Festival, Sept. 27-28, in Randolph County.

The outdoor show will run from 6 a.m.

Friday through the night until 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

For more information, contact JanMar Promotions, P.O. Box 939, Liberty, N.C. 27298. Phone: (919) 622-3040.

Gary Morris To Appear At Davie County Festival

Country singer Gary Morris will be the featured attraction at the Arts Alive Festival in Davie County Sept. 21.

The festival will be highlighted by arts and crafts displays, food and plenty of music.

The festival will be at the Masonic Picnic Grounds in downtown Mocksville.

For more information, contact the Davie County Arts Council, P.O. Box 744, Mocksville, N.C. 27028. Phone: (704) 634-3112.

Event A Tribute To Over-50 Crowd Folks over 50 will

come together for fun and games at the Golden Gathering, Sept. 3-15, in Haywood County.

Created as a tribute to people over 50, the event will feature tennis and golf tournaments, bingo, casino activities and plenty of food.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, contact the Golden Gathering, P.O. Box 126, Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. Phone: (704) 926-2945.



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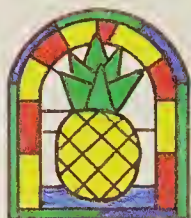
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Both shows will feature numerous displays and exhibits for the homeowner — from new product information to redecorating hints.

Admission to each show is \$5 for adults, with children under 12 admitted free.

For more information on either show, contact the Southern Ideal Home Show, P.O. Box 36859,

Charlotte, N.C. 28236. Phone: (704) 376-6594.

Antique Engines Festival Planned

Technology from a different era will be displayed at the 3rd Annual Antique Engines Festival at Rhodes Pond near Dunn Sept. 20-22.

Crafts, food, entertainment and an array of old vehicles and engines will be featured at the festival.

Rhodes Pond is one and a half miles from the Godwin-Falcon exit off Interstate 95.

Admission is \$5. Children accompanied by adults are admitted free.

For more information, contact Jerry Honeycutt, Rt. 4, Box 220, Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Wheels Theme Of Caldwell County Street Festival

Caldwell County

will take on a festive mood Saturday, Sept. 14, with a street festival featuring antique bikes, cars and other modes of transportation.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, Lenoir will be the starting point for a 100-mile cycling competition throughout the county.

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Youth Tour: "An Unforgettable Experience"

Forty-four North Carolina high school students fought the heat, dodged raindrops and covered a lot of pavement as part of the 1991 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The week long trip gave many of the rising high school seniors their first chance to see the nation's capitol. The group visited many of the city's major landmarks: the Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian and the FBI Building—to name a few.

The teen-agers, who were sponsored on the tour by various Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) in North Carolina, also learned about the workings of a cooperative by operating their own "soda pop co-op," which supplied soft drinks to the students at prices that couldn't be matched at Washington vending machines (see related story page 11).

"As manager, I learned a lot," said Caroline Jelinek, who represented South River EMC, Dunn, and was the "soda pop co-op's" manager in charge of day-to-day operations. "I never really thought about how co-ops worked. Hands-on experience means a lot."

In addition to the North Carolina youths, groups from other states participated in the Youth Tour—about 1,000 high school students nationwide.

"I met a lot of people from a lot of different places and made tons of friends," said Celine Brown, who represented Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir. "I learned a lot about co-ops."

The program has sent hundreds of Tar Heel students to Washington since the 1960s.

"It was an unforgettable experience," said Paula Austin, who represented Tideland EMC, Pantego. "I met many new friends. I saw Washington for the first time and I know I could never have seen all that we saw in a week on my own."



An actor portraying George Washington shares a thought with Joi Williams of Rt. 3, Franklinton at Washington's home at Mount Vernon. Other North Carolina Youth Tourists listening are, from the left: Travis Clark of Rt. 12, Morganton; Katrina Parker of Bolton; Robert Gray of Rt. 4, Dunn; and Brandon Williams of Rt. 8, Asheboro.



Clark Purvis of Hobgood concentrates on planning for the youth tourists' Soda-Pop Co-op during a meeting of the cooperative's board of directors. Purvis, who represented Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, on the Washington tour, was one of five students elected to the co-op board.



Tour Advisor Dan Cook of the state association of electric co-ops (center) and cameraman Jeff L. of South River EMC shoot footage of the Youth Tourists for a video about the trip. Taking part in the session are, from the left: Sandy Lyall of Rt. 1, Laurel Springs, representing Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Teraza Walston of Farmville, representing Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville; Susan Watson of Rt. 1, Vandemere and Paula Austin of Rt. 2, Aurora, both representing Tideland EMC, Pantego.



Tonya Adams of Rt. 1, Bessemer City, represented North Carolina in the Youth Tour Quiz Bowl with other students from around the country. The Quiz Bowl pitted student leaders from various states against each other in answering questions on rural electric issues and current events.



Youth Tourists Quench Their Thirst With Co-op Soft Drinks

Seven North Carolina high school students representing six of the state's Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs), were selected for leadership roles in the 1991 Rural Electric Youth Tour's "soda pop co-op."

Owned and operated by the 44 Tar Heel Youth Tour participants, the soft drink cooperative gave the rising high school seniors a hands-on learning experience demonstrating how a cooperative works. It also provided the group with low-cost soft drinks during the weeklong visit to Washington.

A \$1 membership fee was charged to each Youth Tour participant, with canned soft

drinks priced at 50 cents each—far less than Washington vending machine prices, which can reach \$1.25 a can.

At the end of the tour, the co-op was disbanded. After covering expenses and other operating costs, margins were refunded to the members. These capital credits amounted to 14 cents per can.

The co-op was operated by a five-member board of directors, with day-to-day operations handled by a manager and an assistant manager. Serving as the co-op's manager was Caroline Jelinek, representing Tar River EMC, Dunn. Brian Mills, representing Crescent EMC, Statesville, served as the co-op's assistant manager.

Making up the co-op's board of directors were: Katie Malone and Clark, both representing Rutherford EMC, Forest City; Joi Williams, representing Wake EMC, Wake Forest; Clark Purvis, representing Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; and Kirk Grimmer, representing Johnston County EMC, Burgaw.

The giant sculpture, "The Awakening," had a handful of Tar Heel Youth Tour advisors. They are, clockwise from top: Dan Cook of the state association of electric co-ops' staff; Whit Hollowell, an employee of Tideland EMC, Pantego; Lorrie Constantinos of the state association staff; Julie Hollowell; Lois Edwin of the state association staff; and Jeff Lowe, an employee of South River EMC, Dunn.



Students From Wilkes, Carteret Will Edit 1991 Tour Newsletter

Two North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour participants have been selected as editors of the group's newsletter, *Post Washington*.



Dawn Benge
Blue Ridge EMC

Chosen as editor was Dawn Benge of Rt. 1, Purlear, representing Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation

(EMC), Lenoir. Chosen as assistant editor was Kathi Smoak of Swansboro, representing Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City.

The *Post Washington* newsletter, which is distributed each summer after the June tour to Washington, contains the students' articles, essays, poems and photos related to the trip.



Kathi Smoak
Carteret-Craven EMC

The 1991 editors will produce the fourth edition of the newsletter, which was first published after the 1988 tour.





One of the tour's highlights was a visit with the members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation. Fourth District Rep. David Price greeted four students from his district. From the left are Russell Brodie of Rt. 6, Louisburg and Joi Williams of Rt. 3, Franklinton, both representing Wake EMC, Wake Forest; Rep. Price; Jennifer Fouts of Rt. 5, Asheboro; and Brandon Williams of Rt. 8, Asheboro, both representing Randolph EMC, Asheboro.

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Harnett County Senior Joins National Co-op Youth Board

A Harnett County high school student has been selected as North Carolina's representative on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Robert Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of Rt. 4, Dunn, was selected for the board post from among the 44 Tar Heel rising high school seniors who participated in the 1991 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The national youth board participates in various programs of the association and serves as an advisory group regarding youth activities.

Gray, who attends Triton High School, was sponsored on the tour by South River Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Dunn. He will join the other board members next year at the NRECA annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

Selected as alternate was Tonya Adams of Bessemer City, who was sponsored by Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

Adams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Adams, attends Bessemer City High School.

As alternate, Adams represented North Carolina's EMCs in July at the National Institute for Cooperative Education in Charlotte.



Robert Gray of Rt. 4, Dunn, right, representing South River EMC, Dunn, was chosen as the Youth Consulting Board member from North Carolina and will represent the state at the 1992 NRECA Annual Meeting. Tonya Adams of Rt. 1, Bessemer City, representing Rutherford EMC, Forest City, was chosen as the state's delegate to the board. She also represented the state at the recent National Institute of Cooperative Education Conference in Charlotte.

Beaufort County Student Honored at Cooperative Leadership Camp

Thomas Smith of Beaufort County was named the outstanding camper at the 1991 North Carolina Cooperative Leadership Camp at White Lake.



Smith received the Thad Eure Leadership Award as the camp's outstanding camper. The award is named in honor of the long-time North Carolina secretary of state.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce (Rusty) Smith of Belhaven.

The camp, sponsored by the N.C. Cooperative Council, is supported by cooperative businesses in North Carolina.

Smith was sponsored at the camp by Tideland Electric Membership Corporation, Pantego, and by Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, Belhaven.

As the top camper, Smith represented North Carolina co-ops at the National Institute for Cooperative Education in July in Charlotte. The American Institute of Cooperation sponsors the annual event.

Celebrity TV Interview Mentions Electrification's Aid To Bangladesh

Rural electrification got a celebrity boost when Marilyn Quayle underscored its importance to Bangladesh's recovery from the cyclone that devastated that nation in April.

"We just offered a grant to Bangladesh to do a rural electrification program based pretty much on our rural electrification program," Mrs. Quayle told Joan Lunden on the morning television show, "Good Morning America." Mrs. Quayle chairs the International Disaster Advisory Committee.

The grant is part of a massive U.S. relief effort, but it's only the latest in a long history of cooperation between the two nations to energize the countryside.

NRECA's international programs' division first sent advisers to Bangladesh in 1976. The campaign's goal is to have 65 rural electric co-ops operating by 2002; to date, 44 have been organized and energized.

Twenty NRECA advisers—sent by rural electric co-ops across the United States—are currently working in Bangladesh. They and their hosts have their work cut out for them: As a single example, the Bengali co-op saw 70 percent of its system destroyed in the cyclone.

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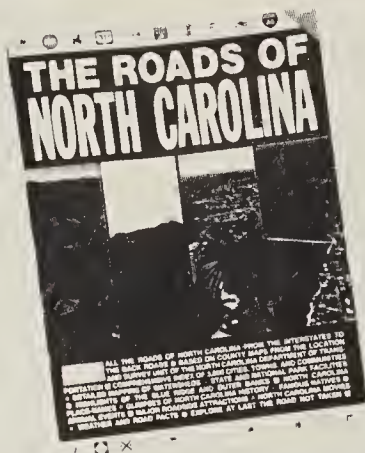
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artists—they are the best! The book reviews on North Carolina
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Again, thank you for your article on our weather celebrations.
The weather observers are well deserving of such recognition.

Vinnie G. Duncan

Centennial Program Director, Raleigh

"We Are Only Passing Through This Earth"

After reading your April "Viewpoint" article, I am compelled
to write. It seems that I must live in a different state than you and
Emmett Patterson (manager of Pee Dee Electric Membership Cor-
poration, Wadesboro) if the only alternative you are able to endorse
as a solution to America's addiction to oil is nuclear power. In the
state in which I live, the sun shines well over 200 days a year, and
there is usually a breeze blowing, yet no mention is made of solar or
wind turbine generated electricity. Is this because these processes
put electricity in the hands (or wires?) of the consumer without
involving Big Business?

No mention is made of the principles of conservation or energy
efficiency. No mention of cars with higher miles per gallon. No
mention of renewal of tax credits for insulating homes or installing
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waste does not make the issue any less grave. We should be
reducing all toxic waste, not looking for another big business
excuse for creating more.

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Marie Brutvan Novello, Wake Forest

Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina
Electric Membership Corporation, says nuclear power is not the
only solution to America's reliance on fossil fuels but it "should be
considered as part of the solution." The comment is part of this
month's "Viewpoint," page 3.

Federal Agency Offering 50 Horses For Adoption

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will host a wild horse adoption in Anderson, S.C., Sept. 13-15 at Palmetto Livestock, Inc. About 150 horses will be available for adoption. The adoption fee is \$125 per horse.

The event is part of the agency's Adopt-A-Horse program, which was established in 1973 as a means of keeping wild horse herds from getting too large for the limited forage areas available.

Application forms and additional information are available from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Miss. 39206 or call (601) 977-5430.

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In St. Pauls

EMC Obtains Interest-Free Loan For Model Turkey Growing Operation

A Pembroke-based economic development organization has been awarded a \$75,000 interest-free loan from the Rural Electrification Administration thanks to the efforts of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Red Springs.

The Lumbee Regional Development Association will use the loan to operate a model turkey growing operation that will teach farmers how to supplement and expand their farm operations.

The LRDA will take over an existing turkey operation in St. Pauls and assist area farmers in developing similar operations.

The agency is an economic development organization for Native Americans in Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties. The project is one of a handful of efforts in North Carolina that have obtained interest-free loans from REA with the assistance of local EMCs. REA is a federal Department of Agriculture agency that provides financing for the nation's electric and telephone co-ops.

The zero-interest loans are used to boost economic development in rural areas that are served by utility co-ops.

Annual Meetings Calendar

Electric Membership Corporation			
Date		Time	Location
August			
15	Pee Dee, Wadesboro	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Anson Senior High School, Wadesboro
24	Haywood, Waynesville	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.	Tuscola High School, near Waynesville
24	Roanoke, Rich Square	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Arena behind Roanoke EMC headquarters, Rich Square
September			
21	Albemarle, Hertford	Registration: 12:00 Noon Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Perquimans High School, Hertford

EMCs Support Project

Big Sweep Volunteers To Collect Litter Along Waterways Sept 21

North Carolina's waterways will get a yearly cleaning Sept. 21 as part of Big Sweep '91.

The clean-up effort, co-sponsored by the University of North Carolina Sea Grant College Program and other state agencies, was established in 1987 to clean the state's waterways and build public awareness of the litter problem.

Originally called Beach Sweep, the name was changed to Big Sweep in 1989 after the program was broadened to encompass all of the state's waterways.

More than 10,000 volunteers collected litter along the waterways in 1990—gathering about 165 tons of trash from the state's beaches, rivers, lakes, streams and farm ponds.

In addition to picking up litter, the volunteers make note of the kinds of garbage collected. In 1990, cigarette butts, metal cans and glass bottles were the most frequently collected items.

The Big Sweep '91 project has drawn support from many of the state's businesses, including the utilities. North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation is among the supporters.

Aside from the clean-up event, the program distributes anti-litter educational material to consumers throughout the state.

Among them is a guidebook titled *Ripples*, a collection of activities for children focusing on litter in the aquatic or marine environment. They are designed for children ages 9 to 11 but many of them can be modified for older or younger children.

To become a Big Sweep '91 volunteer or to obtain more information about the program, call the toll-free MCI Big Sweep Hotline at 1-800-27SWEEP (277-9337).

For information about educational materials, write to Marine Education Specialist, UNC Sea Grant, Box 8605, NCSU, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-8605 or call (919) 515-2454.

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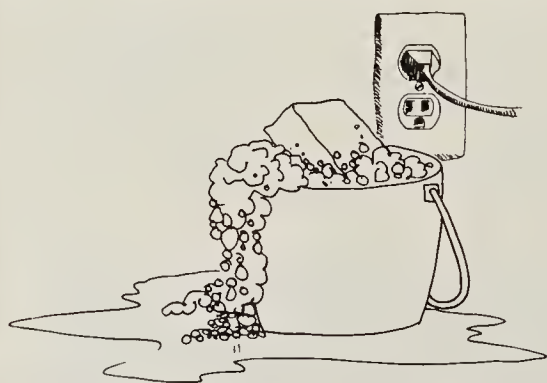


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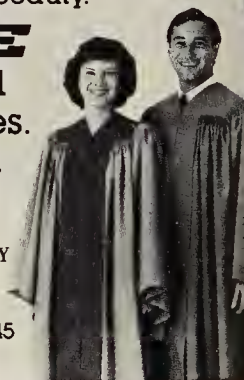
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Davis, 60, was the first person from Swain County to receive the Carolina Farmer Award from the Future Farmers of America and was the first agriculture major to graduate from Western State University.

As an agricultural extension agent in Haywood County for 15 years, he was named NCDA's county employee of the year in 1980 and was made county assistant to the agriculture commissioner of Western North Carolina in 1988. Davis also received the Outstanding Produce Market Manager of the Year award from the National Association of Produce Market Managers in 1986.

Others inducted at ceremonies held at the Western Horticultural Corps Research and Extension Center in Asheville were:

Morris L. "Mac" McGough of Asheville—former and executive vice president of the Western North Carolina Development Association.

The late George W. Vanderbilt of Asheville—builder of the Biltmore House and major contributor to forestry, dairying, erosion control and general farming.

E. J. Whitmore of Franklin—cattleman, nature educator and conservationist.

Dr. Thomas R. Konsler of Henderson—vegetable crop researcher.

Richard N. "Dick" Barber Jr. of Waynesville—apple grower.

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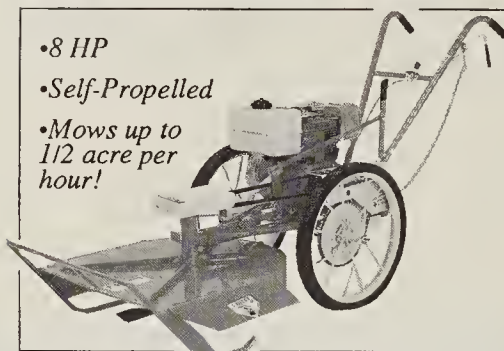
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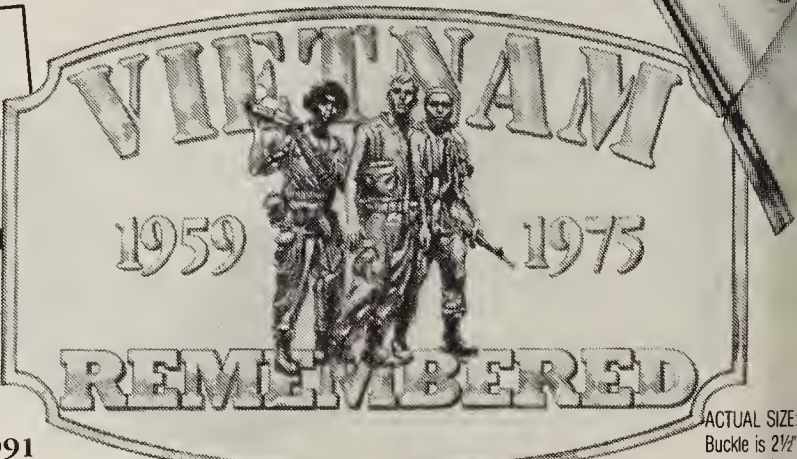
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Farmers Home Adds New Loan Guarantee Program

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Previously FmHA could provide only direct loans to families and individuals who need housing. Under the direct program, FmHA serves as lender and borrowers make payments directly to the agency. Under the new program, FmHA guarantees a loan made by a qualified lender against a percentage of loss.

The agency is authorized to guarantee \$100,000 for single family housing during fiscal year 1991.

"A total of \$6 million has been allotted to North Carolina for guarantee this year," Godwin said.

Many rural residents eligible for direct FmHA loan assistance may also apply for loan guarantees under the new program. Low income borrowers may qualify for interest assistance.

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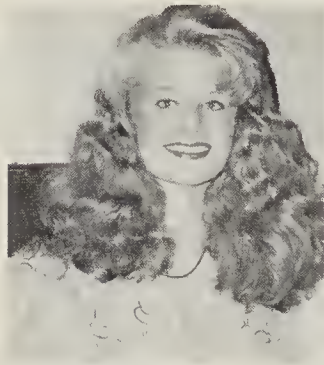
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Claims Prizes In Other Contests

Raleigh Teen's Recipe Wins National Award

Julie Bowman of Raleigh, a 16-year-old rising junior at Millbrook High School, makes winning a habit. She recently claimed top prizes in four cooking contests.



She was awarded first place in the National Teen Turkey Lovers' Recipe Contest for her "Curried Turkey Twist" recipe,

a pasta salad featuring turkey breast and fresh garden vegetables. Her recipe was chosen from more than 500 entries nationwide. She will receive \$2,000 from the National Turkey Federation and a \$500 award from the North Carolina Turkey Federation. Her school's home economics department was awarded a new microwave oven. As the contest winner, Julie will represent both the national and state turkey organizations at special turkey industry events.

The contest required the submission of two essays with the recipe—one on nutrition and the other on food-handling techniques. In her nutrition essay, Julie said: "Today many people are concerned about cooking and eating foods to stay fit. In this recipe, turkey is used because it is high in protein, but lower in calories and cholesterol than some other meats." Her food-handling essay addressed proper marinating techniques, storage of turkey, and prevention of cross contamination.

In addition, she has placed first and second in the junior division of the N.C. Egg Cooking Contest. Her first-place recipe went to the National Egg Contest and placed third.

She also won first place in the First Annual Farmers Market Apple Pie contest and has received ribbons at the State Fair for her egg custard pie and peanut butter pie.

In addition to her cooking talents, Miss Bowman excels in the classroom and in the arts. She dances, plays piano and flute, has studied ceramics and enjoys skiing. She has won first-place ribbons at the State Fair in

piano competitions and in ceramics. During the last three years, she has placed first in the Raleigh-area Flute Association competition. Julie also has won a year's scholarship to Danceurs Ballet Studio for pointe and was awarded a scholarship to Cannon Music Camp at Appalachian State University for flute.

Miss Bowman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Bowman of Raleigh. She plans to attend UNC at Chapel Hill, where she will study to become a dentist.

Ed Woodhouse, executive director of the N.C. Poultry Federation, said, "Miss Bowman's selection as the national cook-off champion adds to the prestige of the No. 1 turkey-producing state."

Here is Miss Bowman's recipe for Curried Turkey Twist:

Curried Turkey Twist

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| 1 lb. turkey breast cutlets or tenderloins cut into 1/2 x 2 inch strips | 1/2 C fresh mushrooms, sliced |
| 2 tsp. peanut oil | 8 cherry tomatoes, halved |
| 1/4 tsp. garlic powder | 1/4 C red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/4 x 2 inch strips |
| 1/4 tsp. curry powder | 1/4 C green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/4 x 2 inch strips |
| 1/8 tsp. ground ginger | 2 C rotini pasta, cooked according to package directions and drained |
| Non-stick vegetable cooking spray | 1 Recipe Chutney Dressing (recipe below) |
| 2 ounces fresh snow peas, blanched | |

In small bowl combine turkey, oil, garlic powder, curry powder, and ginger. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.

Coat large non-stick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Over medium-high heat, saute turkey mixture 4 to 5 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink in center.

In large bowl combine turkey, snow peas, mushrooms, tomatoes, red pepper, green pepper, pasta and dressing. Cover and refrigerate 20 minutes to allow flavors to blend.

Chutney Dressing

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| 1/3 C peanut oil | 1 1/2 tsp. curry powder |
| 1/3 C mango chutney | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 2 T. fresh lemon juice | 1/2 tsp. bottled hot pepper sauce |

In blender combine oil, chutney, juice, curry, salt and hot pepper sauce. Blend until mixture is smooth.

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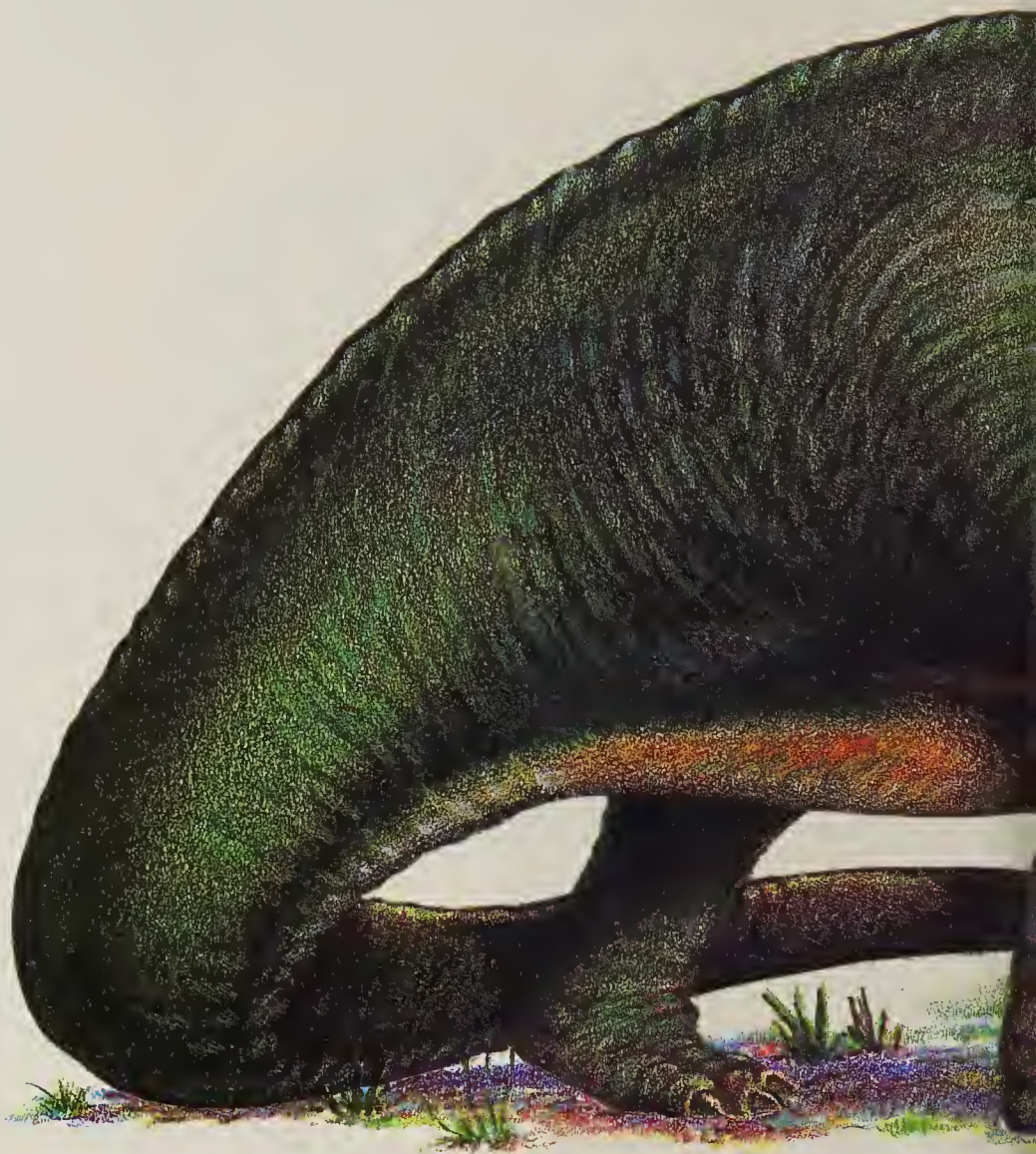
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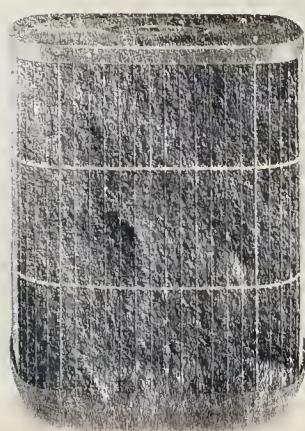
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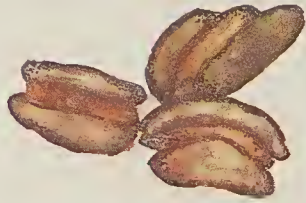
HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank S

Summer doldrums and vacations tempt us to suspend gardening activities. Be sure that plants are watered as dry soil will weaken such plants as camellias, boxwoods, rhododendrons and azaleas. Fact is, all plants will suffer if the soil stays dry for a long time. Shrubs can become weakened, making them less resistant to winter weather, which is only a few months away.

Pecan Pests

Control insect and disease pests on pecan trees to protect the nut crop and prevent premature leaf



shedding. Early leaf drop can lower nut quality and reduce next year's crop. Scab probably is the biggest disease problem; black aphids probably are the worst insect offenders. A heavy infestation of either can cause early leaf drop. Fall webworms and walnut caterpillars damage trees by feeding on foliage.

Sowing

Seeds of late-winter flowering annuals may be sown in containers

now for later transplanting to the garden. Seeds to sow include sweet peas, larkspur, calendula, candytuft, pansy, poppy and alyssum.

Protect the young seedlings from excessive heat and light.

"Everlasting" For Winter

Statice, strawflowers, cockscomb, globe amaranth and other flowers to be dried for winter bouquets should be cut at this time. Tie into bundles, place in paper bags and hang in a dry place to "cure."

Summer-prune If Necessary

Shrubs and trees that have made a heavy summer growth need pruning to thin out unnecessary branches and foliage. If your fruit trees have developed a thick head of leafy branches, prune to thin out and open up the canopy. Remove branches at the main trunk.

As hydrangeas finish flowering, cut away all faded flowers. Make the cut just above the first strong new shoot or bud on the stem. Remove

faded blooms from such shrubs as budleia, gardenia, vitex, althea, mallow hibiscus and crape myrtle.

Annuals and perennials will benefit if pruned to remove all faded blooms. This diverts energy toward stronger plants by preventing the draining of strength by plants going to seed. Pruned annuals sometimes flower again in early autumn.

Rhododendrons forming flower buds for next year's show. Faded blooms sap energy that could reproduce flower buds. Remove now before they go to seed.

Late summer is time to give hedges last clipping. If pruned later there is the risk of inducing tender new growth that may be injured by cold weather.

Plan Ahead For Autumn

Now's a good time to take stock of your landscape and to make decisions about plants you want to add when the fall winter planting season arrives.

The location of needed shade trees will be obvious during the summer heat. Trees may be needed to cast shadows and shade over the roof of the house or outdoor living areas.

Lists of bulbs and perennials to be added should be completed soon. If you are ordering by mail, it is advisable to get the orders off soon. This usually assures that desired plants and bulbs will be available before the fall rush. Sometimes the choice bulbs are used to fill the earliest orders.

Make plans now for any major change in the landscaping—such things as relocating walks or drives, adding shrubbery borders, adding or replacing foundation plantings and introducing new flower beds.

Start Winter Geraniums

For indoor blooms of geraniums this fall and winter, start cutting now. Healthy cuttings taken at this time will grow and mature into blooming size plants to be enjoyed during cold months. Follow this procedure:

1. Cut just below a small joint on the stem. Make cuttings 3 or 4 inches long.
2. Remove blooms, flowerbuds, lower leaves and stipules (little wings) that may be growing along the stems of the cuttings.
3. Lightly dust the cut end of each stem with hydrated lime to discourage stem-end rot.
4. Insert stem 2 to 3 inches into pot of clean, moist builder's sand.
5. A sturdy root system should develop within three weeks.
6. Carefully remove cutting from sand pot in mellow, loamy soil.

and Divide

Now's the time to lift, divide and transplant onion lilies, bearded iris, daylilies, canna, Shasta daisies and oriental poppies.

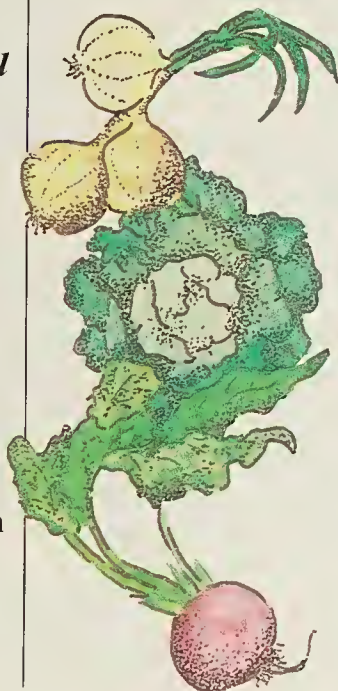
After digging, let poppies stay in the sun a couple of hours before dividing. Reset just beneath the soil line. If you want to increase stand of poppies, make root cuttings 1 to 2 feet long. Lay cuttings flat in a box or pot of dry soil and cover a half-inch deep with sandy soil. Place in a frost-free spot and water once a week. New plants should sprout early next spring.

If you're establishing new beds of perennials, be sure a liberal amount of organic matter and bulb fertilizer is spread evenly over the bed. Thoroughly mix with the soil to a depth of at least 8 inches. Space the roots at least a foot in all directions so that root competition does not occur for several years; thus delaying time for digging and resetting again.

Seed of these perennials should be planted in order to produce vigorous plants for next spring: hollyhock, Snow-in Summer, delphinium, flax, pyrethrum, Stoke's aster, daisies, Sweet William and foxglove. Because soil is still warm, it helps to chill the seed in refrigerator for a few days. Start seed in flats or beds or flats.

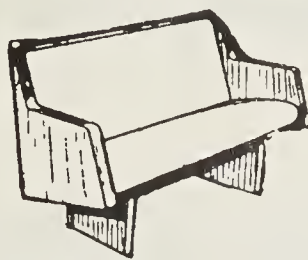
Best Fresh Vegetables This Fall

It's possible to grow fresh vegetables in your garden well into autumn. Among the vegetables to plant now are beets, muskmelon, leaf lettuce, turnips and radish. These sets can be planted this month. A 2-to-4-inch mulch of straw, leaves or hay will help retain moisture in and out.



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Tax Benefits Remain Intact After Budget Session

North Carolina's General Assembly adjourned in July after a tense budget session without altering income tax provisions that have benefitted many Tar Heel taxpayers, including retirees.

The 1989 General Assembly rewrote the state's tax laws to bring them more in line with federal tax laws. In the process, many low-income taxpayers were removed from the state's tax roles and retirees had a whole new ball game.

With the 1991 session of the legislature now history, the same system is still in force for returns we'll be filing early next year for 1991.

Under the law, federal civil service and military retirees are entitled to a \$4,000 exemption on their retirement pay. Also eligible for a \$4,000 exemption are retirees from state and local governments.

For the first time, the new law allowed retirees from private business an exemption of \$2,000 on their retirement pay.

Each of these exemptions continues for 1991.

However, the legislature made one change that will affect a few retirees and others with high incomes. A new provision for 1991 will increase the top individual income tax from the previous 7 percent to 7.5 percent for married couples with incomes of more than \$100,000 and for individual filers with incomes of more than \$60,000.

Most retirees have been very pleased with the new tax law. Among other things, it completely exempts from North Carolina income tax, income from Social Security, an important part of the income of many retirees.

And many taxpayers, those still on the job as well as retirees, have found the new North Carolina D-400 tax form much easier to prepare, starting as it does with figures taken directly from the federal Form 1

State May See Influx Of Military Retirees Looking For Easy Access To Active Base

In the next several years, North Carolina could see a surge of retirees from the nation's military services moving to the Tar Heel State.

With plans now in place for closing some 30 major military installations across the nation, many retired people from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will be looking for a new place to spend their retirement years.

The major bases in North Carolina—Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune and the Cherry Point Marine Air Station—will not be affected by the shutdowns. But they could feel some indirect impact over time.

That's because many military retirees enjoy living near active military bases, where they can conveniently use medical services, recreational facilities, commissary and post exchange stores and other advantages.

Almost every base scheduled to close has a substantial community of military retirees living in the vicinity.

Many retirees may be attracted to the Old North State because of its bases, pleasant climate and abundant recreational attractions.

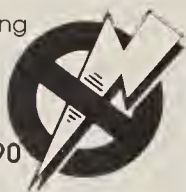
The appeal of the state is familiar to many soldiers, Marines and Air Force personnel who have previously served in North Carolina.

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There will not be another printing of the edition once the 1,500 remaining cookbooks are sold, Miller says.

The cookbook contains a variety of North Carolina recipes, including some from celebrities and others identified by commodity groups as long-time Tar Heel favorites.

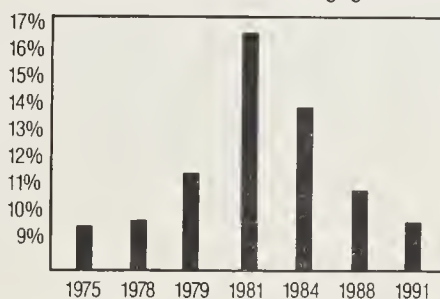
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When Words Fail Us: Can A Sow Sow Corn

Remember those strange terms your English teachers threw around so casually to describe certain kinds of words: *synonyms*, *antonyms* and *homonyms*?

In case you've forgotten, *synonyms* are words or phrases that have essentially the same meaning as other words or phrases; *antonyms* are words with opposite meanings; and *homonyms* are words that are spelled and pronounced alike but have different meanings.

I always was fascinated by these labels, which I once found confusing because they are so much alike. I had no idea that the confusion could have been far worse: my teachers never introduced me to two other labels of this kind.

One is a *metonym*, which is a symbolic or figurative term. My Webster's definition of the term used this example: "lands belonging to the crown." *Crown* is a metonym.

Another is a *heteronym*, a word that has the same spelling as another word but their meanings differ depending on the pronunciation. I recently ran across some of these words in a series of sentences someone had cleverly devised.

I saved them to use here as examples of how we sometimes manage to communicate with one another despite the limitations of our language. Here are some examples:

- The bass swam around the bass drum on the ocean floor.
- A crow can scatter wheat seeds, but can a sow sow corn?
- She wished she could desert him in the desert.
- The town dump is so full that it may have to refuse refuse.
- My sole object is to object.
- Man's laughter can be crueller than manslaughter.

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Speaking of strange labels for words or expressions, here's another one I've just learned: *neologism*. Sounds like some kind of dread disease, doesn't it? Or a particularly potent computer virus.

It's none of the above but it does encompass a bit of controversy, according to Webster's. Here's definition No. 1: "A word, usage or expression that is often disapproved because of its newness or barbarousness." The term can also refer to "a meaningless word coined by a psychotic."

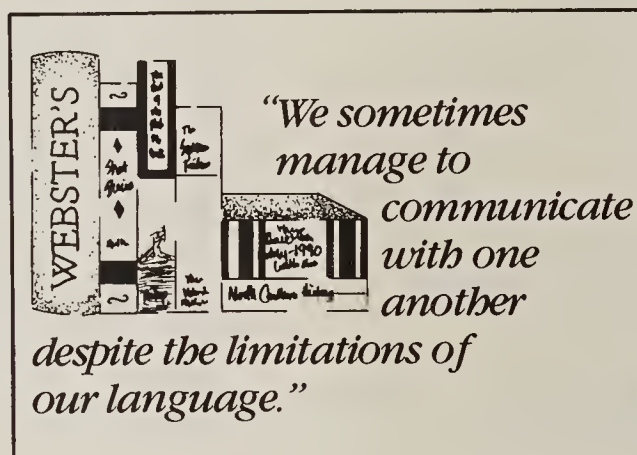
I bring this up because the term was used in a newsletter for business communicators to refer to one of my pet peeves. It's the use of *hopefully* to mean *it is hoped*.

For example: "Hopefully, President Bush will address the nation tomorrow about the outlook for peace in the Persian Gulf." This verbless usage of the word grates on me but I have no problem with *hopefully* when it is used as it was originally intended: "President Bush will hopefully address the nation tomorrow about the outlook for peace in the Persian Gulf."

I'm not alone in reacting this way but I am clearly part of a minority.

Newsman Charles Kuralt, the North Carolina native who has repeatedly demonstrated skill in using words on the air and in print, "Chalk squeaking on a blackboard is to be preferred to this usage." And writer Hal Borland called it "barbaric, illiterate, offensive, dangerous and inexcusable."

Yet, the hoped usage come to be the common form *hopefully*. Even dictionaries include this meaning along with the original in-a-little-while manner. Perhaps that's why the language



slobs already have won this war and we traditionalists might as well make our peace with it.

It may be a losing battle, but I can't help myself. I am compelled to hopefully struggle against these overwhelming odds.

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I know it's almost time for recess, class, please allow me to mention one more item from my book of pet peeves involving the misuse of words: substituting *it's* for *its* and vice versa.

You could call this a spelling problem, whatever its (not *it's*) label, *it's* (not *its*) is a thing that needs attention. I see these two misused in all kinds of places: articles in magazines, newspaper ads, bumper stickers, toric markers, operating instructions for tech equipment and in formal business letters.

Maybe these errors stand out to me more than this is one of my pet peeves, but I see them more than all the others combined. What's so annoying about this is that the errors can be avoided so easily: *It's* is a contraction of *it is* or *it has*. *Its* is an adjective that Webster's defines as "of or relating to it or itself, especially as possessor, agent or object of an action."

You can avoid the errors by following a simple rule: use *it's* only when your phrase would still make sense if you replaced *it's* with *it is* or *it has*. Got it? Okay, class dismissed.

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